

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application, and claims 9-22 have been withdrawn from further consideration due to a restriction requirement, which was timely traversed. Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US Patent 3,908,127, by Clark. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, and by dependency claims 2, 4, 5, and 8, are not anticipated by Clark. Applicants further respectfully submit that for the following reasons, claims 3 and 6, and 7 are not anticipated by Clark. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of claims 1-8.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described in a single prior art reference" [MPEP 2131 quoting *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987)]. Claim 1, and by dependency claims 2, 4, 5, and 8, include the limitation "a groove on the machine, wherein said end two of the wire is laid in said groove to align the wire to the desired position". This is supported by Figures 1 and 2, where the groove is item 8. Clark has no such limitation. The groove 47 of Clark, which the Examiner calls out as anticipating this limitation, would be located on the Applicant's end one. The other groove which the Examiner calls out from Clark, 29, is the slot to hold the wire. Applicants clearly have a slot for attaching the wire, and a separate "groove to align the wire to the desired position", both of which are at end two of the wire. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner show where Clark discloses a groove for alignment at the same end as the slot for holding the wire. In the absence of this, applicants submit that Claim 1, and by dependency claims 2, 4, 5, and 8 are not anticipated by Clark, and request this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 2 further includes the limitation that "said means for attachment is a lug which has been crimped on the wire." The examiner has not shown where Clark discloses this limitation. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner show

where Clark discloses the “means for attachment is a lug which has been crimped on the wire” so that Applicant’s may adequately respond. In the absence of this, applicants submit that Claim 2 is not anticipated by Clark, and request this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 3 is rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of claim 1, which was previously incorporated by reference. Therefore, claim 3 is in the same form as originally presented. Claim 3 has the limitation “a slide pin which is mounted to the machine, wherein said slide block is slidably mounted to the machine on said slide pin”. The Examiner does not state where Clark shows a slide pin mounted to the machine, or the slide block slidably mounted on the slide pin. What the Examiner is calling the slide pin (28) is mounted to what the Examiner is calling the slide block (22), and then the slide block/pin combination is slidably mounted on the machine. The slide block (22) of Clark is not mounted TO the slide pin, but rather is mounted BY the slide pin to the holder – the slide pin (28) and the slide block(22) of Clark are one unit Thus, because Clark does not disclose a slide pin mounted to the machine, or the slide block slidably mounted on the slide pin, Claim 3 is not anticipated by Clark. Applicants respectfully submit that rejection of claim 3 on this basis is in error, and request that the rejection on this basis be withdrawn.

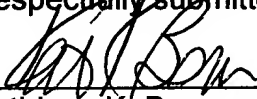
Claim 6 is rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of claim 1, which was previously incorporated by reference. Therefore, claim 6 is in the same form as originally presented. Claim 6 has the limitation “a slide pin which is mounted to said holder, and wherein said slide block is slidably mounted to said holder on said slide pin”. The Examiner does not state where Clark shows a slide pin mounted to the holder, or the slide block slidably mounted on the slide pin. In fact the examiner states “the slide pins being mounted on the slide block (22).” Applicants respectfully submit that rejection of claim 6 on this basis is in error, and request that the rejection on this basis be withdrawn.

Claim 7 has the limitation “wherein said leg one and said leg two form an acute angle”. This limitation distinguishes between the L – shape of Clark’s item

(22) and the applicant's V-shaped slide block. The V-shape is better to prevent the wire from sliding out. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner show where Clark discloses "wherein said leg one and said leg two form an acute angle". In the absence of such, applicants submit that claim 7 is not anticipated by Clark, and request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-8 are allowable and request that the rejections against them be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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